AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently amended) A method, implemented using a computer, for providing a network-based child financial support framework for facilitating communications between employers, custodial parents, and noncustodial parents, the method comprising the steps of:

(a)   maintaining a database including information on a received financial support payment utilizing a network;

(b)   providing general information relating to the financial support payment utilizing the network;

(c)   calculating, using the computer, a proper amount of the financial support payment based on a profile of a user and based on an amount paid to date from a non-custodial parent to a custodial parent, wherein the profile includes data relating to at least one of income, number of children, basic support, insurance premium, child care cost, and additional expenses, wherein a first portion of the profile is received from the user across the network and a second portion of the profile is received from the database, and wherein the user may change the data in the second portion of the profile;

(d)   displaying a history associated with the financial support payment; receiving identification information from the user;

determining, from the identification information, if the user is the custodial parent or the non-custodial parent;

(e) providing, only after determining the user is the custodial parent, an customized interface configured to allow the custodial parent to retrieve tracking information for the financial support payment and a plurality of historical financial support payments previously scheduled to the custodial parent, said tracking information including payment status, payment amount due, payment amount received, payment date, payment receipt date, payment sent date, payment available withdrawal date, and payment case number, said tracking information further including reasons why a scheduled financial support payment was not dispersed if the scheduled financial support payment has not been received by the custodial parent; and

(f) displaying, to the custodial parent via the interface, the retrieved tracking information for the financial support payment and the plurality of historical financial support payments.

2.   (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

3.   (Canceled)

4.   (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the history includes a date, an amount received on the date, an amount retained of the amount received, and a disbursement of the amount received to the custodial parent.

5.   (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the step of presenting a plurality of frequently asked questions relating to the financial support payment.

6.   (Currently Amended) A <u>computer-readable medium including a</u> computer program ~~embodied on a computer-readable medium~~ <u>encoded thereon which, when executed, causes a computer to perform a method</u> for providing a network-based child financial support framework for facilitating communications between employers, custodial parents, and non-custodial parents, <u>the method</u> comprising:

(a)   ~~a code segment that maintains~~ <u>maintaining</u> a database including information on a received financial support payment utilizing a network;

(b)   ~~a code segment that provides~~ <u>providing</u> general information relating to the financial support payment utilizing the network;

(c)   ~~a code segment that calculates~~ <u>calculating</u> a proper amount of the financial support payment based on a profile of a user and based on an amount paid to date from a noncustodial parent to a custodial parent, wherein the profile includes data relating to at least one of income, number of children, basic support, insurance premium, child care cost, and additional expenses, wherein a first portion of the profile is received from the user across the network and a second portion of the profile is received from the database, and wherein the user may change the data in the second portion of the profile;

(d)   ~~a code segment that displays~~ displaying a history associated with

the financial support payment;

receiving identification information from the user;

determining, from the identification information, if the user is the

custodial parent or the non-custodial parent;

(e)   ~~a code segment that provides,~~ providing, only after determining the

user is the custodial parent, an customized interface configured to

allow the custodial parent to retrieve tracking information for the

financial support payment and a plurality of historical financial

support payments previously scheduled to the custodial parent,

said tracking information including payment status, payment

amount due, payment amount received, payment date, payment

receipt date, payment sent date, payment available withdrawal

date, and payment case number, said tracking information further

including reasons why a scheduled financial support payment was

not dispersed if the scheduled financial support payment has not

been received by the custodial parent; and

(f)   ~~a code segment that displays~~ displaying, to the custodial parent via

the interface, the retrieved tracking information for the financial

support payment and the plurality of historical financial support

payments.

7.   (Currently Amended) ~~A computer program~~ The computer-readable

medium as recited in claim 6, wherein the network includes the Internet.

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8.   (Canceled)

9.   (Currently Amended) ~~A computer program~~ The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 6, wherein the history includes a date, an amount received on the date, an amount retained of the amount received, and a disbursement of the amount received to the custodial parent.

10.   (Currently Amended) ~~A computer program~~ The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 6, and further comprising a code segment that presents a plurality of frequently asked questions relating to the financial support payment.

11.   (Currently Amended) A system for providing a network-based child financial support framework for facilitating communications between employers, custodial parents, and noncustodial parents, comprising:

(a)   logic that maintains a database including information on a received financial support payment utilizing a network;

(b)   logic that provides general information relating to the financial support payment utilizing the network;

(c)   logic that calculates a proper amount of the financial support payment based on a profile of a user and based on an amount paid to date from a non-custodial parent to a custodial parent, wherein the profile includes data relating to at least one of income, number of children, basic support, insurance premium, child care cost, and additional expenses, wherein a first portion of the profile is received from the user across the network and a second portion of the profile

is received from the database, and wherein the user may change

the data in the second portion of the profile; and

(d) logic that displays a history associated with the financial support

payment;

logic that receives identification information from the user;

logic that determines, from the identification information, if the user

is the custodial parent or the non-custodial parent;

(e) logic that provides ,only after determining the user is the custodial

patent, an customized interface configured to allow the custodial

parent to retrieve tracking information for the financial support

payment and a plurality of historical financial support payments

previously scheduled to the custodial parent, said tracking

information including payment status, payment amount due,

payment amount received, payment date, payment receipt date,

payment sent date, payment available withdrawal date, and

payment case number, said tracking information further including

reasons why a scheduled financial support payment was not

dispersed if the scheduled financial support payment has not been

received by the custodial parent; and

(f) logic that displays, to the custodial parent via the interface, the

retrieved tracking information for the financial support payment and

the plurality of historical financial support payments.

12.   (Previously presented) A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the network includes the Internet.

13.   (Canceled)

14.   (Original) A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the history includes a date, an amount received on the date, an amount retained of the amount received, and a disbursement of the amount received to the custodial parent.

15.   (Original) A system as recited in claim 11, and further comprising logic that presents a plurality of frequently asked questions relating to the financial support payment.

16.   (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, said providing an interface configured to allow the custodial parent to retrieve information related to the financial support payment and a plurality of historical financial support payments previously scheduled to the custodial parent further comprising determining a status of said information.

17.   (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1 said providing an interface configured to allow the custodial parent to retrieve information related to the financial support payment and a plurality of historical financial support payments previously scheduled to the custodial parent further comprising submitting questions regarding said information and receiving answers to said questions.

18.   (Currently Amended) A computer program The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 6, said code segment that provides providing an interface configured to allow the custodial parent to retrieve information related to the financial support payment and a plurality of historical financial support payments previously

scheduled to the custodial parent further comprising determining a status of said information.

19.   (Currently Amended) A computer program The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 6, said code segment that provides providing an interface configured to allow the custodial parent to retrieve information related to the financial support payment and a plurality of historical financial support payments previously scheduled to the custodial parent further comprising submitting questions regarding said information and receiving answers to said questions.

20.   (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 11, said logic that provides an interface configured to allow the custodial parent to retrieve information related to the financial support payment and a plurality of historical financial support payments previously scheduled to the custodial parent further comprising determining a status of said information.

21.   (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 11, said logic that provides an interface configured to allow the custodial parent to retrieve information related to financial support payments and a plurality of historical financial support payments previously scheduled to the custodial parent further comprising submitting questions regarding said information and receiving answers to said questions.

REMARKS

Applicants respond to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2008 ("Office Action").[1] By this Amendment, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 6 and

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[1] The Office Action may contain a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein,

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